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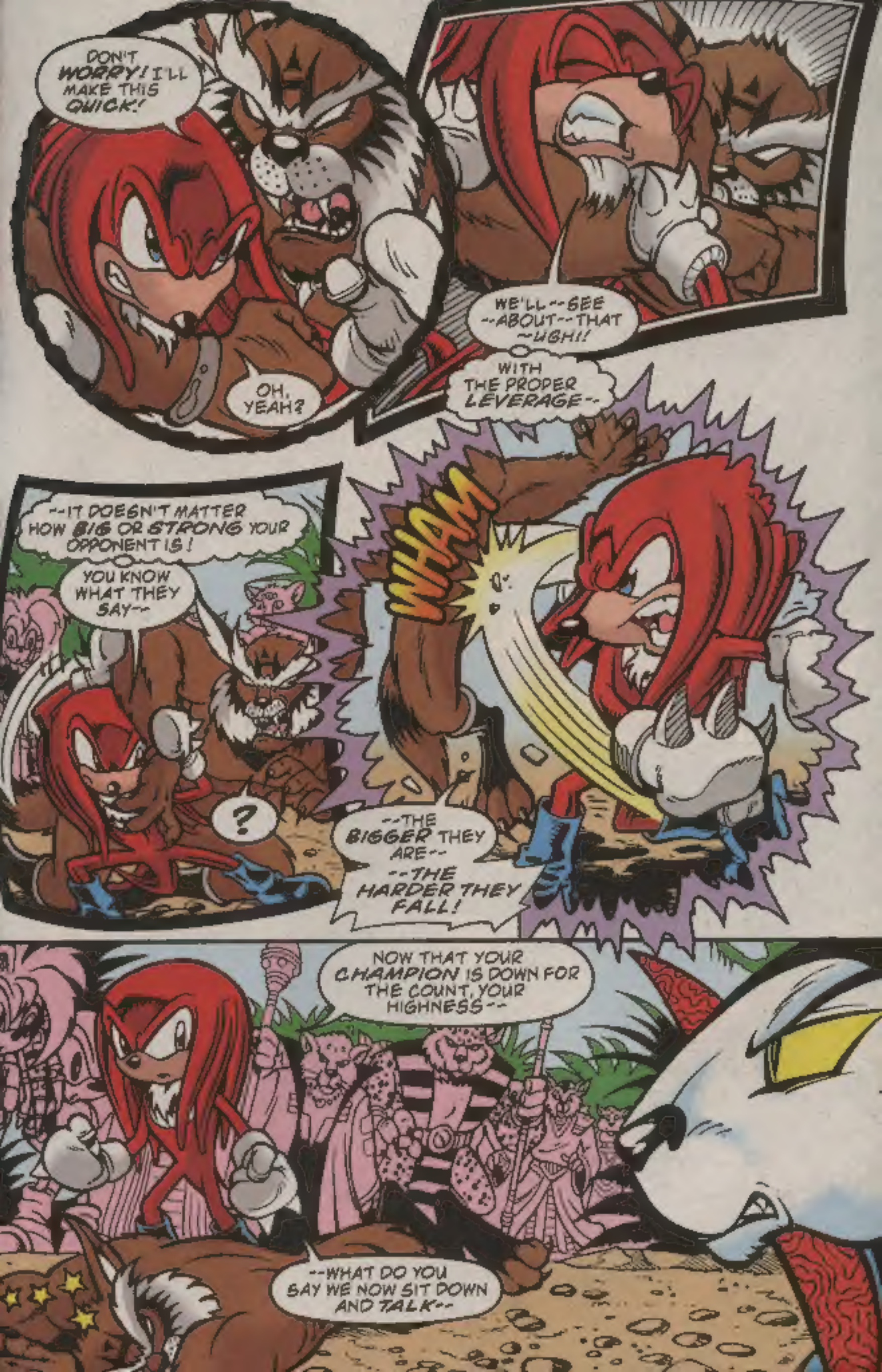
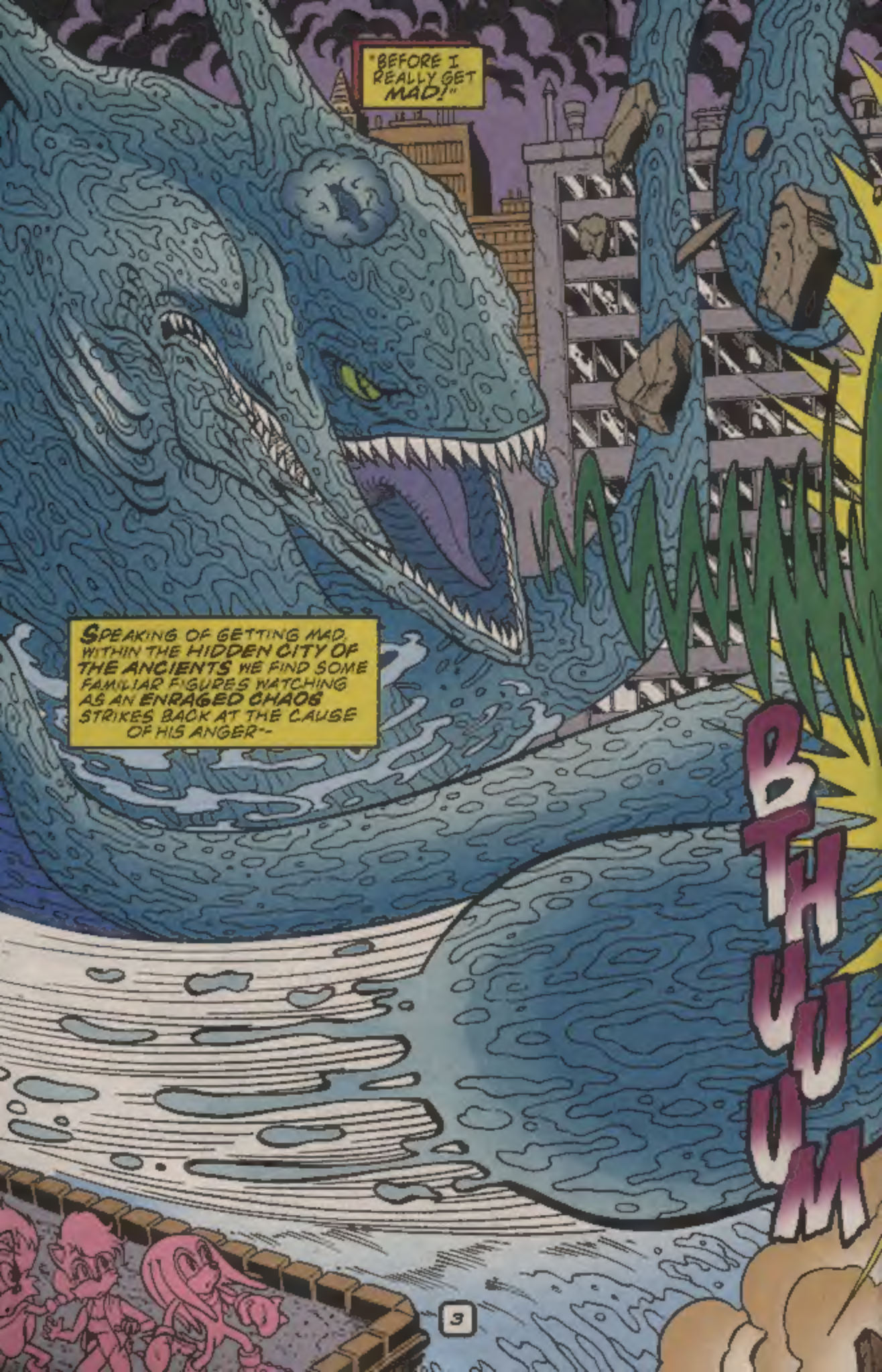
DEEP INSIDE THE HEART OF THE MYSTERIOUS CAT COUNTRY, WE FIND THE CHAOTIX--ESPIO, MIGHTY, VECTOR AND JULIE-SU--ANXIOUSLY STANDING WATCH, AS THE GUARDIAN LOCKE PREPARES FOR MORTAL COMBAT AGAINST THE CAT QUEEN'S CHOSEN CHAMPION--
--THE FEROCIOUS RAZORKLAW!
YOU COULD STOP THIS, MA'AM, BEFORE MATTERS ESCALATE OUT OF CONTROL!
WE CAN SIT DOWN AND DISCUSS OUR DIFFERENCES IN A RATIONAL MANNER!
I'M SORRY, LOCKE OF THE KNUCKLES CLAN, BUT I BEG TO DIFFER!
WE SIMPLY DON'T TRUST YOUR KIND!
AND NOW--
--LET THE COMBAT BEGIN!


DON'T WORRY! I'LL MAKE THIS QUICK!
OH, YEAH?
WE'LL--SEE --ABOUT--THAT --UGH!!
WITH THE PROPER LEVERAGE--
WHAM
--IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW BIG OR STRONG YOUR OPPONENT IS!
YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY--
?
--THE BIGGER THEY ARE-- --THE HARDER THEY FALL!
NOW THAT YOUR CHAMPION IS DOWN FOR THE COUNT, YOUR HIGHNESS--
--WHAT DO YOU SAY WE NOW SIT DOWN AND TALK--


"BEFORE I REALLY GET MAD!"
SPEAKING OF GETTING MAD, WITHIN THE HIDDEN CITY OF THE ANCIENTS WE FIND SOME FAMILIAR FIGURES WATCHING AS AN ENRAGED CHAOS STRIKES BACK AT THE CAUSE OF HIS ANGER--
BTHUUUM

YEEOOWW!
KRAKKSH
PERFECT
CHAOS
4

MY HEAD MAY FEEL LIKE SCRAMBLED EGGMELLONS--
--BUT THAT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO HOW I'M GOING TO MAKE BUTT-UGLY FEEL--
C'MON, EVERYONE! LET'S CLEAR THE SCENE BEFORE SOMEONE SUFFERS A MAJOR HURT!
IT'S GETTING DOWNRIGHT NASTY. THAT'S FOR SHOAH!
AARRGHH!
WHUMP
KRAFAK

--ONCE I PUT THE OL' SUPER SONIC MOVES ON HIM!

SPLASH

SPLASH

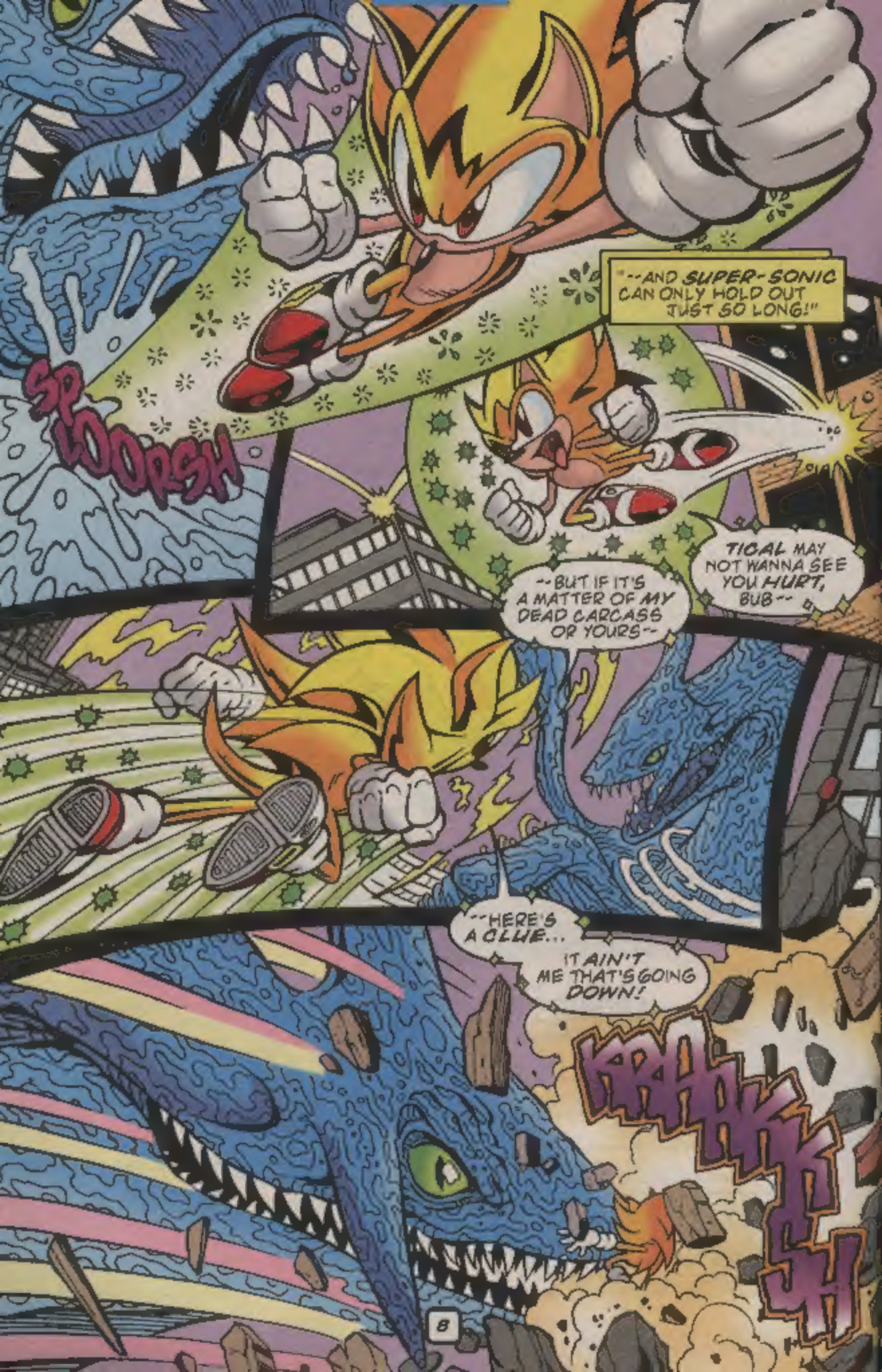
LET'S SEE HOW YOU LIKE IT, BUB!

SUGAH-TWAN!

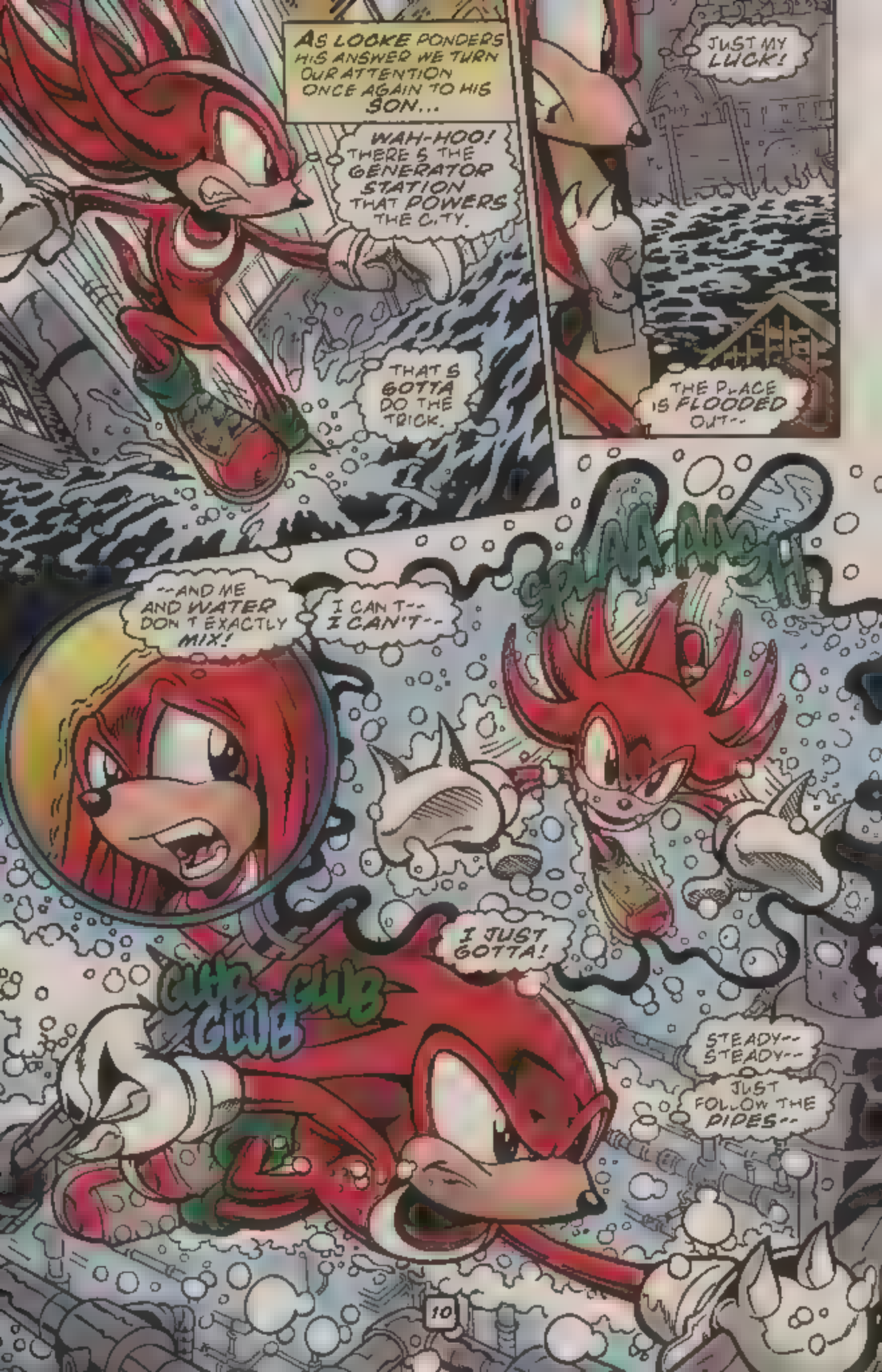
KEEP MOVING EVERYONE BACK--

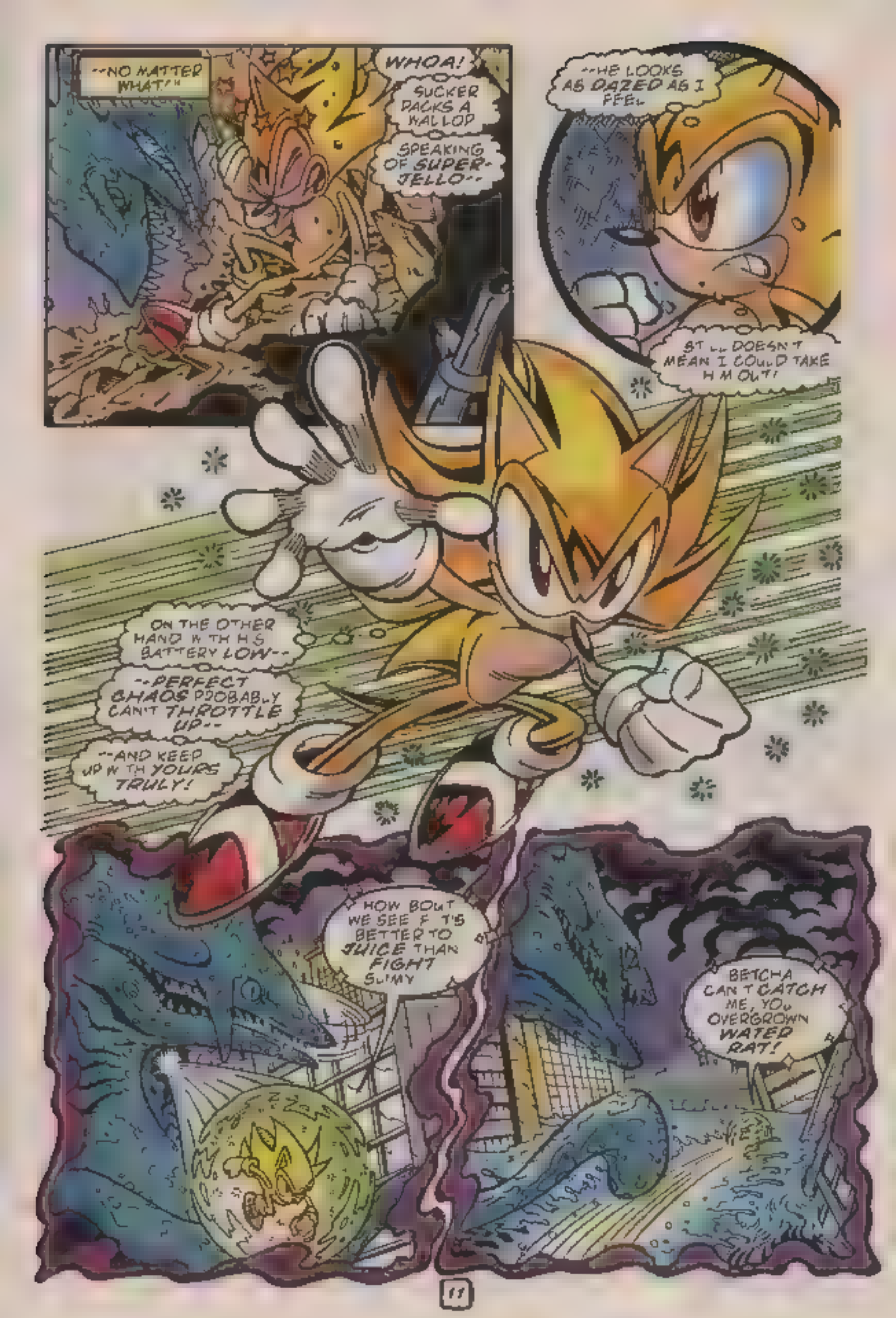
--WHILE I TAKE CARE OF ANTOINE!

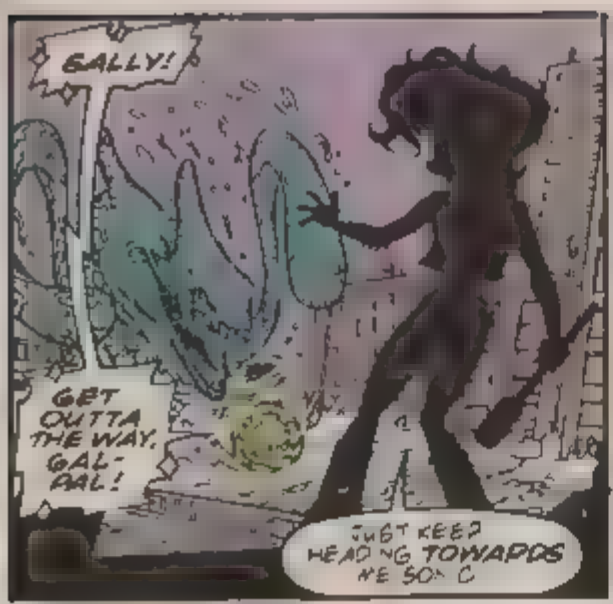
LEAVE ME, DEAR BUNNIE!
WHILE YOAH LIKE THIS? GET SERIOUS, HON!
WE CAN'T AFFORD THE TLC' TREATMENT, GUYS!
TIME AND PERFECT CHAOS AREN'T WAITIN' FOR ANYONE!
I CAN MANAGE, MON AMI!
SAVE IT FOR SOME OTHER TIME.
ANTOINE! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
HE'S FINE, JUST DINGED-UP A BIT!
HERE!
HE'S BETTER OFF WITH YOU--
--WHILE I TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS!
TICAL SAID WE'D NEED A LOT OF JUICE TO SHORT-CIRCUIT PERFECT CHAOS!
GATE B

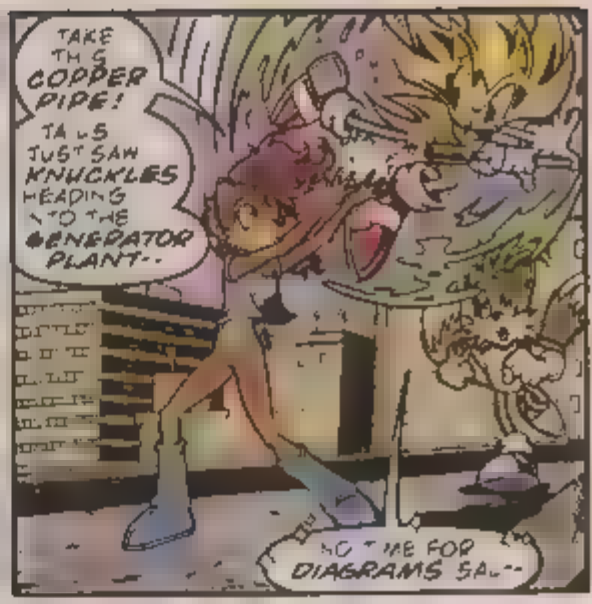

SPLOORSH
"--AND SUPER-SONIC CAN ONLY HOLD OUT JUST SO LONG!"
--BUT IF IT'S A MATTER OF MY DEAD CARCASS OR YOURS--
TICAL MAY NOT WANNA SEE YOU HURT, BUB--
--HERE'S A CLUE...
IT AIN'T ME THAT'S GOING DOWN!
KRAHHKKSH

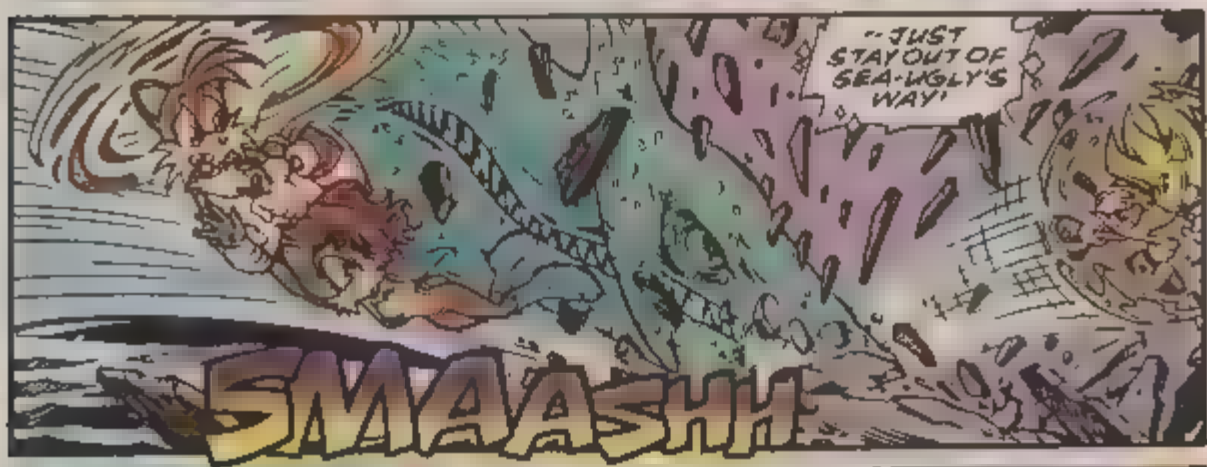
"HOW ABOUT WE TRY THAT AGAIN?
I D DN'T COME HERE TO MAKE WAR YOUR H.GHNESS!
I CAME TO SOLVE A PROB-LEM AND ENSURE THE SAFETY OF MY SON S FRIENDS!
PAST EXPERIENCE MAKES ME WONDER WHETHER THERE IS AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE AT STAKE HERE, LOCKE.
WE'RE A PEOPLE WHO TEND TO AVOID DEALING W TH OUTSIDERS! ESPECIALLY YOUR KIND!
I KNOW FROM STUDYING FAMILY HISTORY THAT NOT ALL MY ANCESTORS LED EXEMPLARY L VES YOUR H GHNESS--
--BUT MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, MY FAM LY HAS CONTR BUTED TO THE COMMON GOOD OF ALL!
AND WHAT DOES YOUR FAM LY HISTORY TELL YOU ABOUT--
HIM?

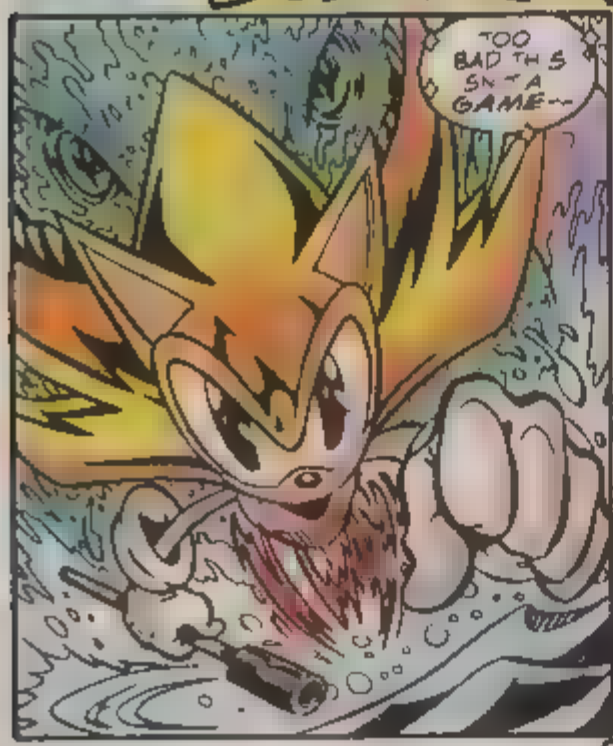

AS LOCKE PONDERS HIS ANSWER WE TURN OUR ATTENTION ONCE AGAIN TO HIS SON...
WAH-HOO! THERE'S THE GENERATOR STATION THAT POWERS THE CITY.
THAT'S GOTTA DO THE TRICK.
JUST MY LUCK!
THE PLACE IS FLOODED OUT--
--AND ME AND WATER DON'T EXACTLY MIX!
I CAN'T-- I CAN'T--
SPLAAA-AAA-SH
I JUST GOTTA!
GUB GUB GUB
STEADY-- STEADY--
JUST FOLLOW THE PIPES--

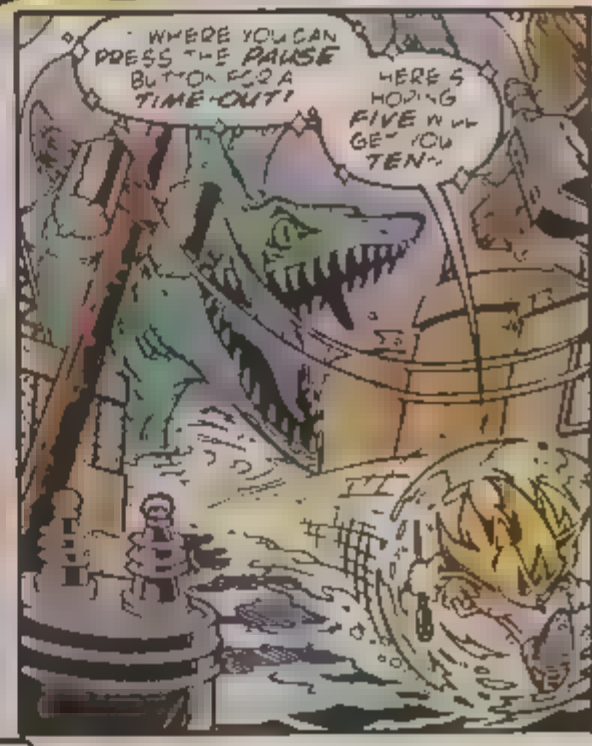

--NO MATTER WHAT!"
WHOA!
SUCKER PACKS A WALLOP
SPEAKING OF SUPER-JELLO--
--HE LOOKS AS DAZED AS I FEEL.
STILL DOESN'T MEAN I COULD TAKE HIM OUT!
ON THE OTHER HAND WITH HIS BATTERY LOW--
--PERFECT CHAOS PROBABLY CAN'T THROTTLE UP--
--AND KEEP UP WITH YOURS TRULY!
HOW BOUT WE SEE IF IT'S BETTER TO JUICE THAN FIGHT SLIMY
BETCHA CAN'T CATCH ME, YOU OVERGROWN WATER RAT!


GALLY!
GET OUTTA THE WAY, GAL-PAL!
JUST KEEP HEADING TOWARDS THE SONIC

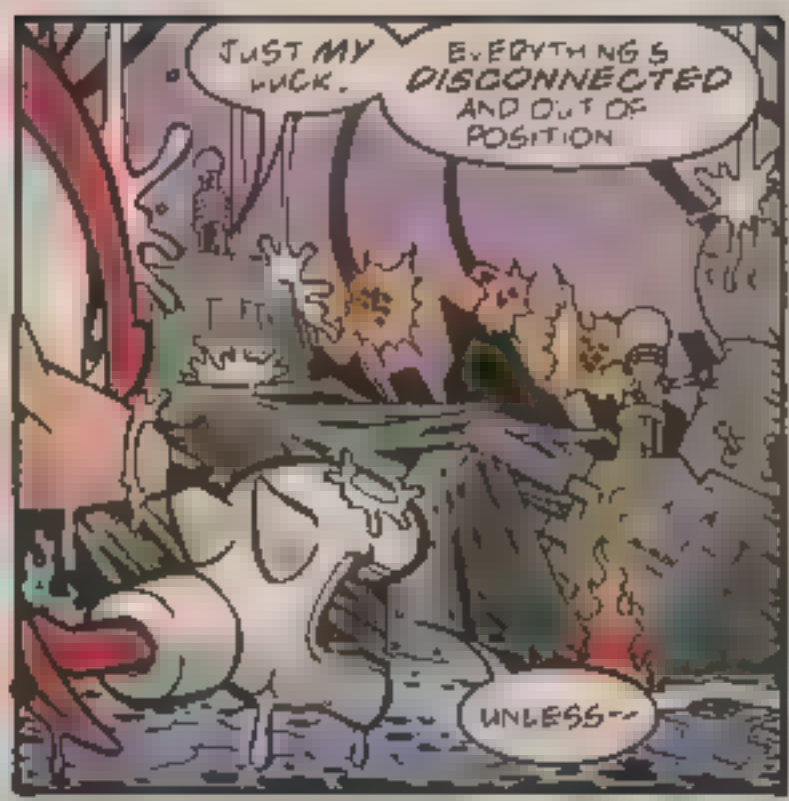

TAKE THIS COPPER PIPE!
TAILS JUST SAW KNUCKLES HEADING INTO THE GENERATOR PLANT--
NO TIME FOR DIAGRAMS SAL--


--JUST STAY OUT OF SEA-UGLY'S WAY!
SMAASHH

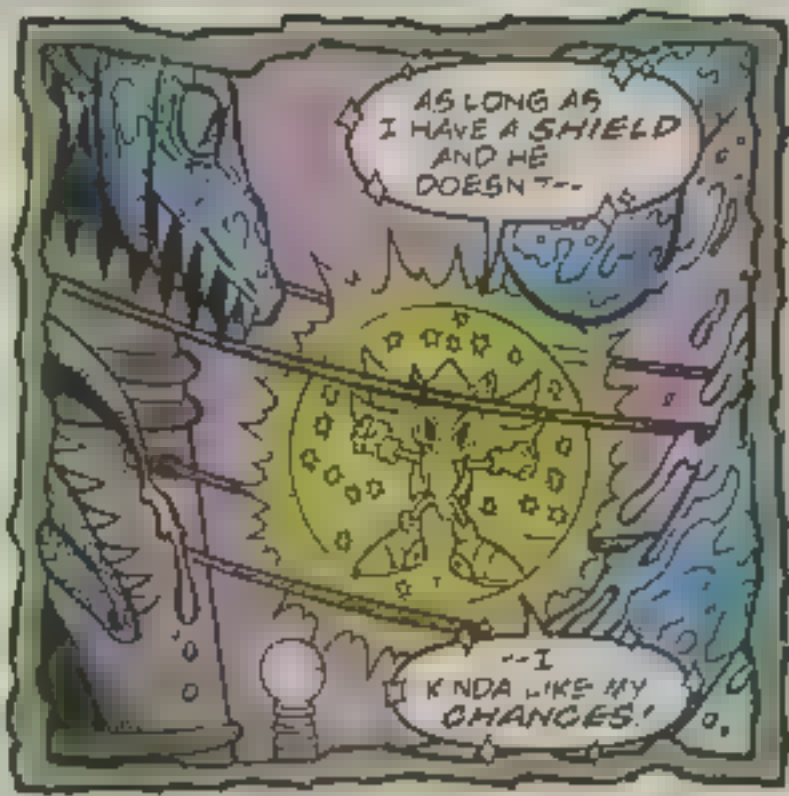

TOO BAD THIS ISN'T A GAME--

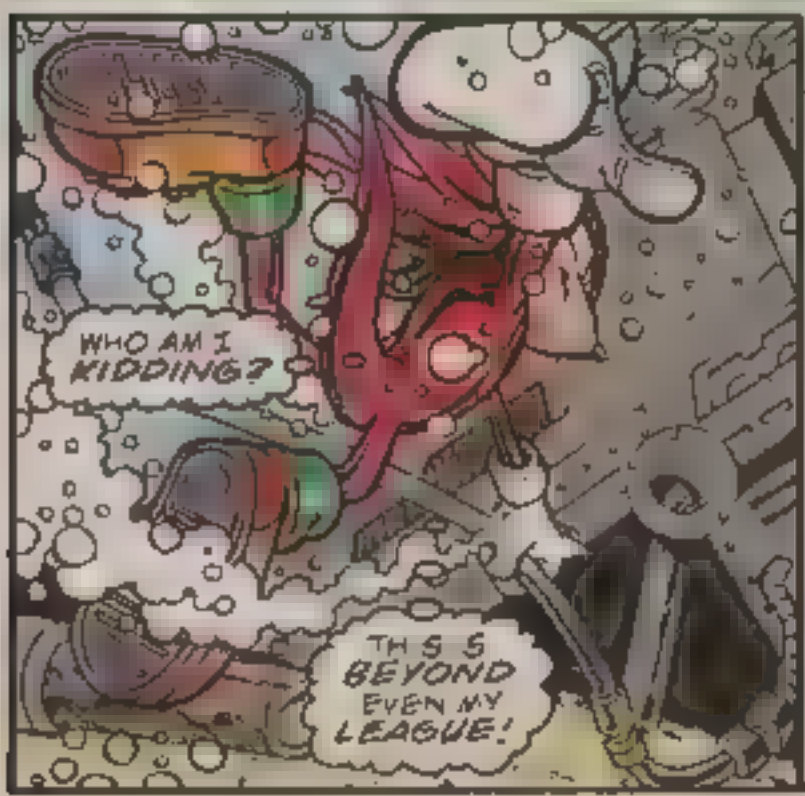

WHERE YOU CAN PRESS THE PAUSE BUTTON FOR A TIME-OUT!
HERE'S HOPING FIVE WILL GET YOU TEN--

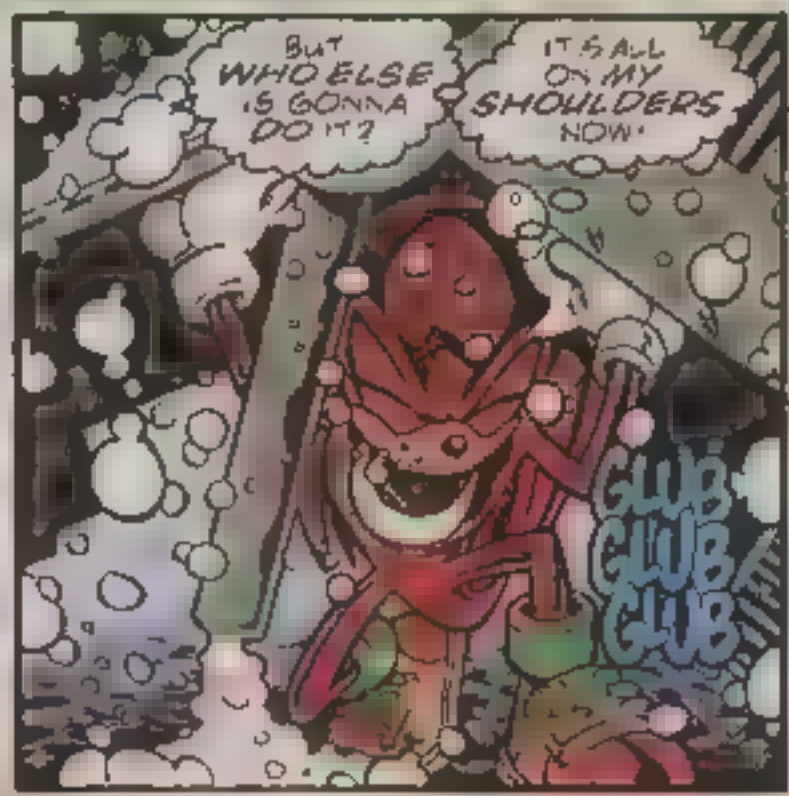
--THAT RAD RED S DOING BETTER ON H S END!"
PTUI!

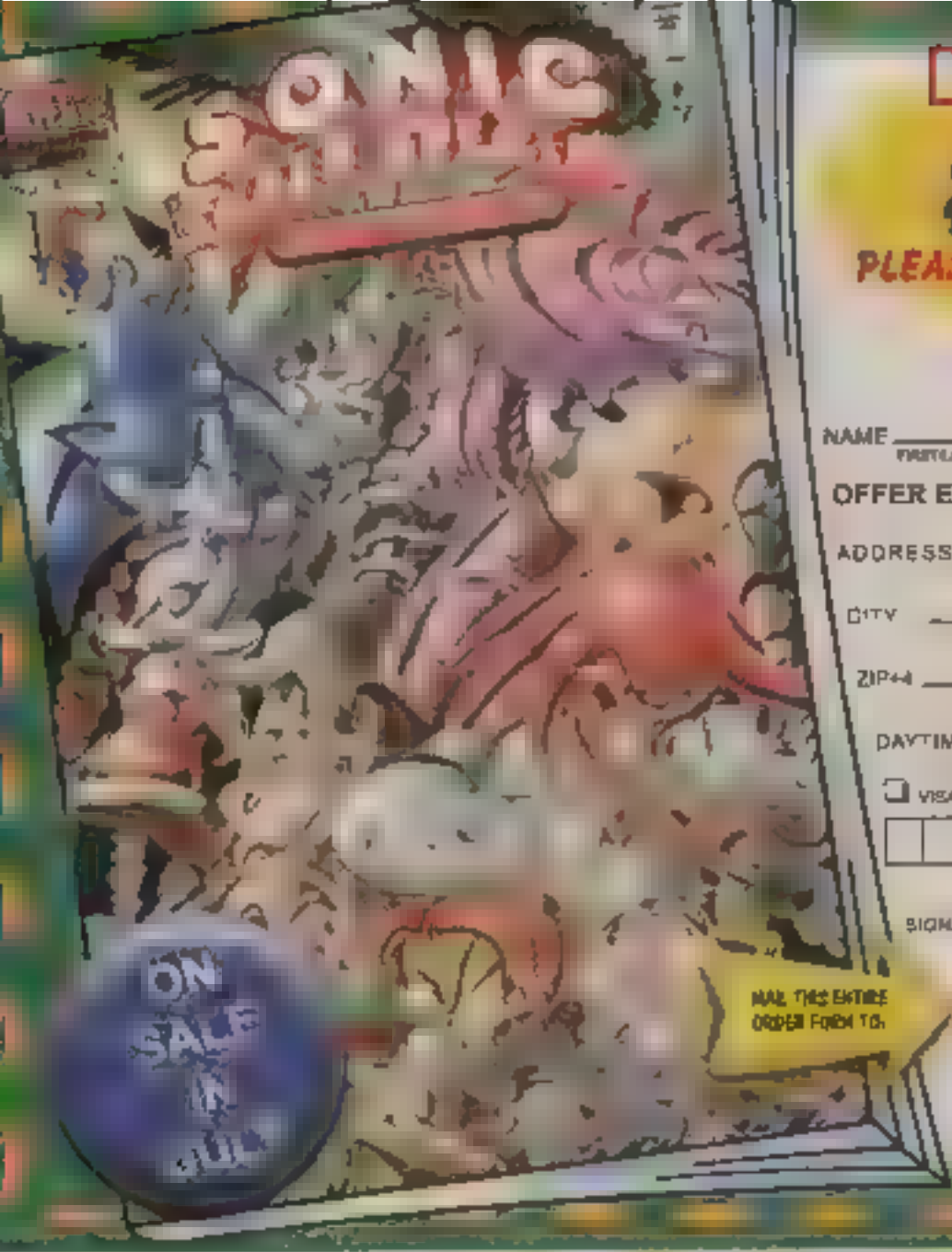

JUST MY LUCK.
EVERYTH NG S DISCONNECTED AND OUT OF POSITION
UNLESS--

DON T GO THERE SONIC. F THE GENERATOR GOES ONLINE~!
YEAH?


AS LONG AS I HAVE A SHIELD AND HE DOESN T--
--I KNDA LIKE MY CHANCES!


WHO AM I KIDDING?
TH S S BEYOND EVEN MY LEAGUE!


BUT WHO ELSE S GONNA DO IT?
IT S ALL ON MY SHOULDERS NOW!
GLUB GLUB GLUB



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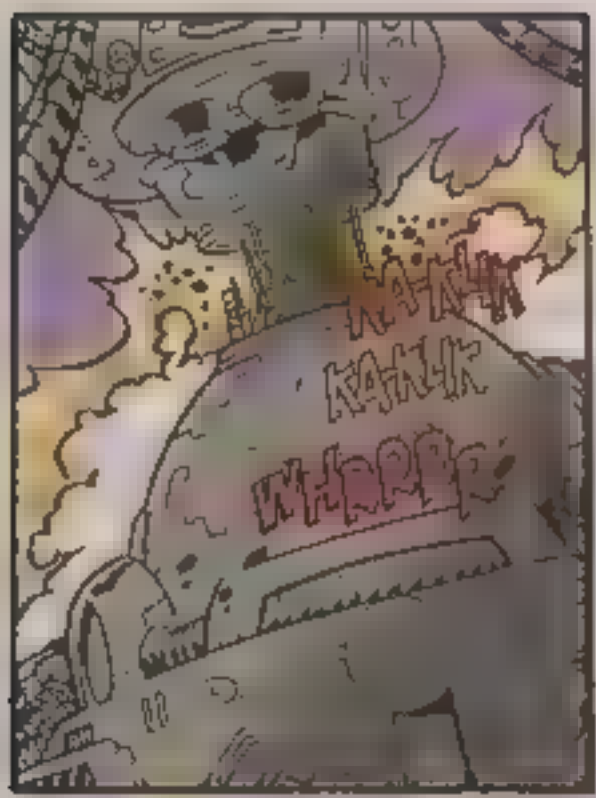
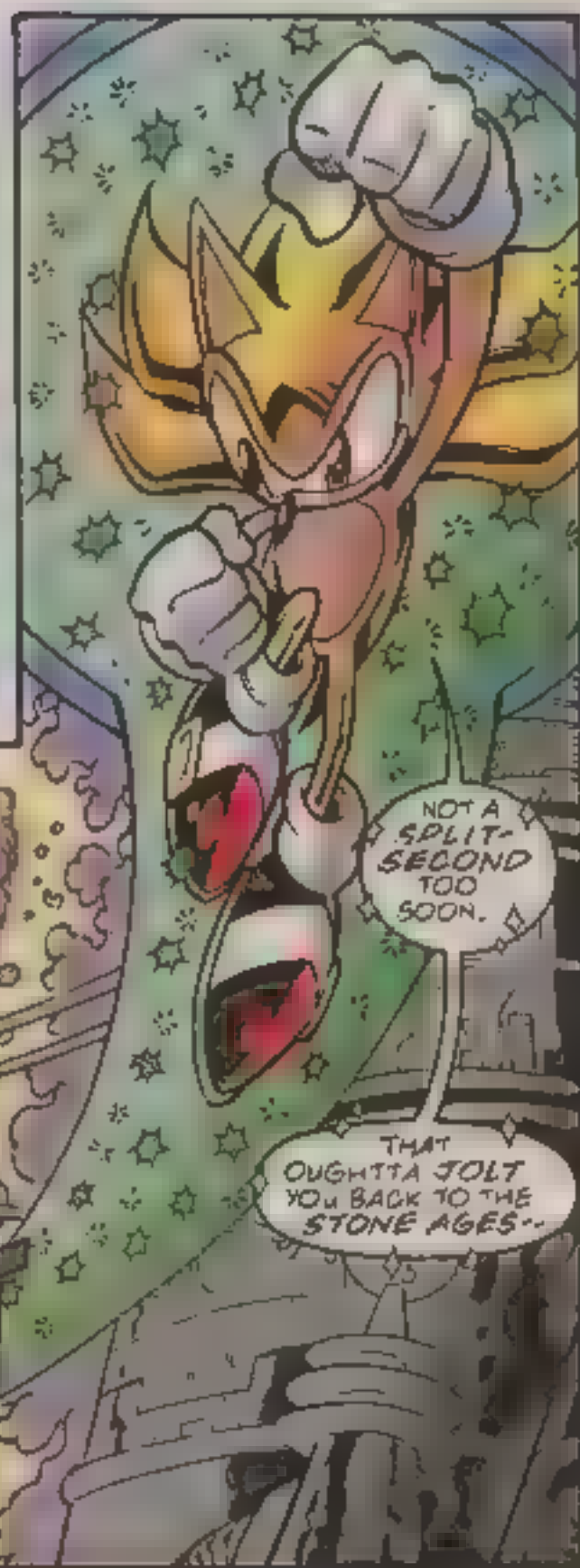
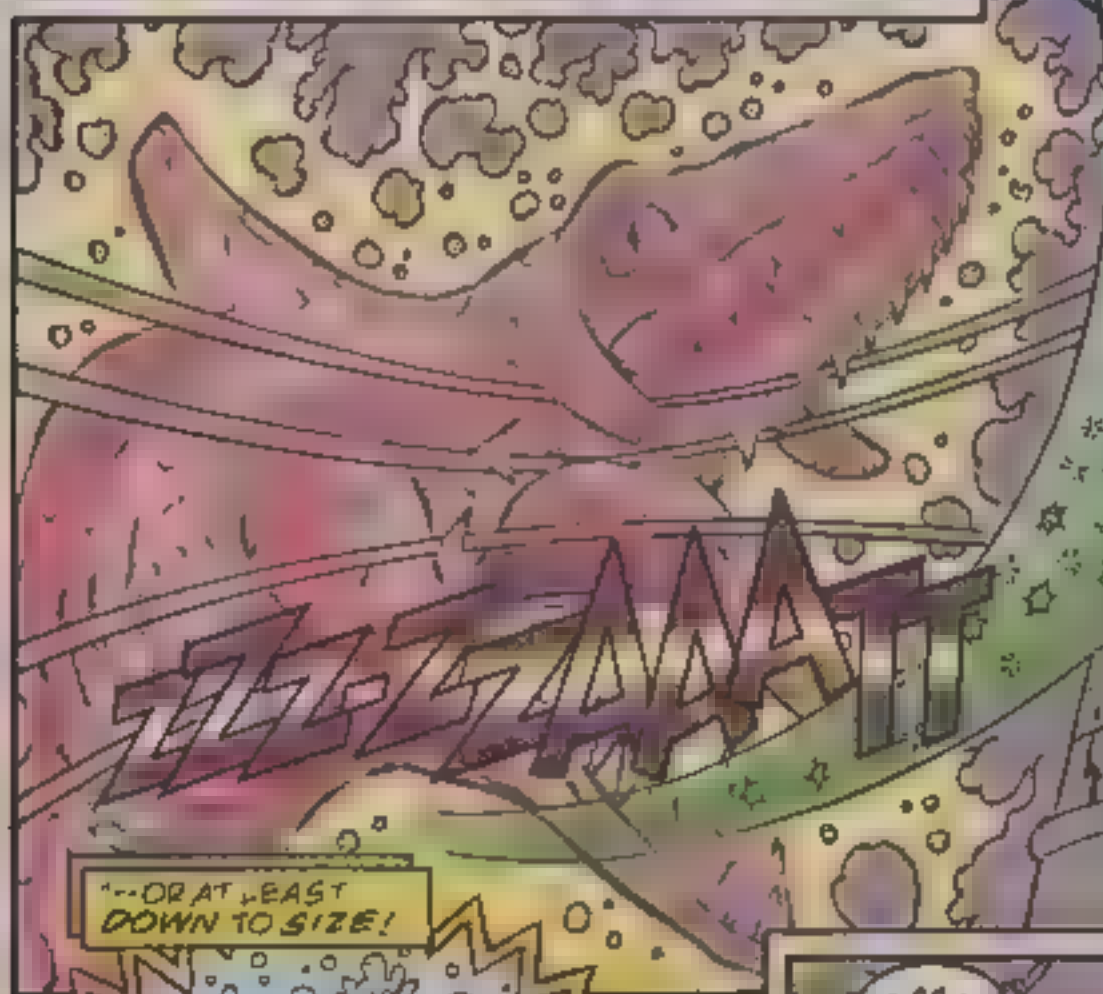
THERE IS--
--NOBODY--
--BUT--
--ME!
I DID IT!


WHAK
WHAK
WHAK

CAN FEEL... SURGE... OF POWER!
GOTTA HOLD ON...


NOT A SPLIT-SECOND TOO SOON.
THAT OUGHTTA JOLT YOU BACK TO THE STONE AGES...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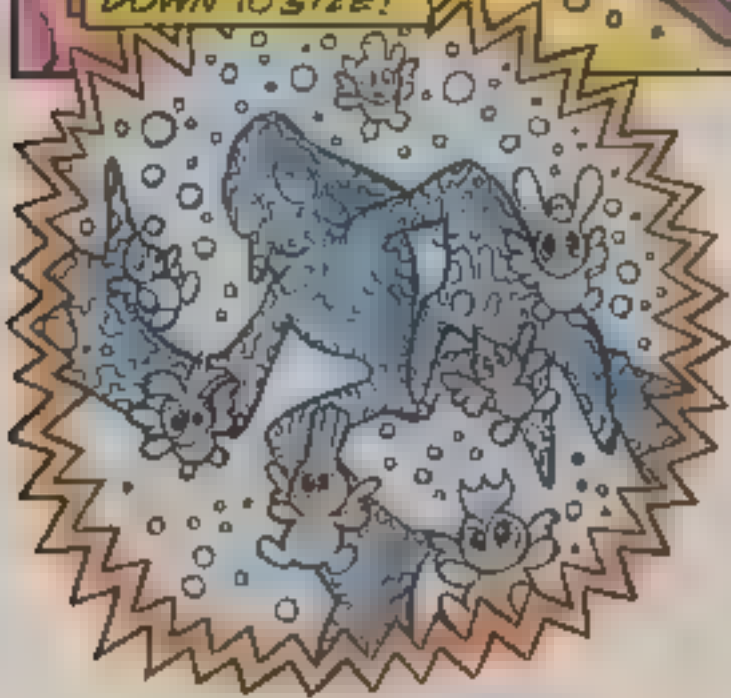
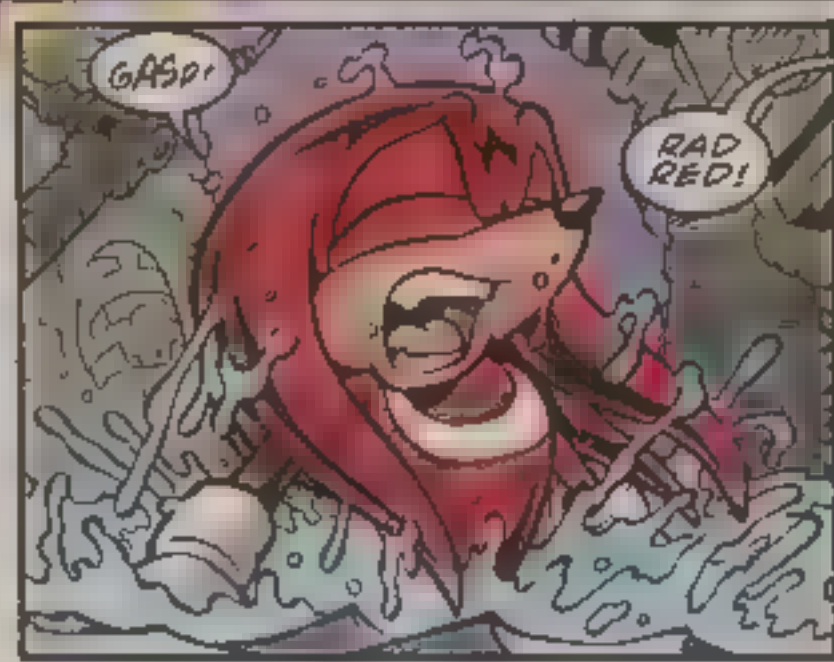
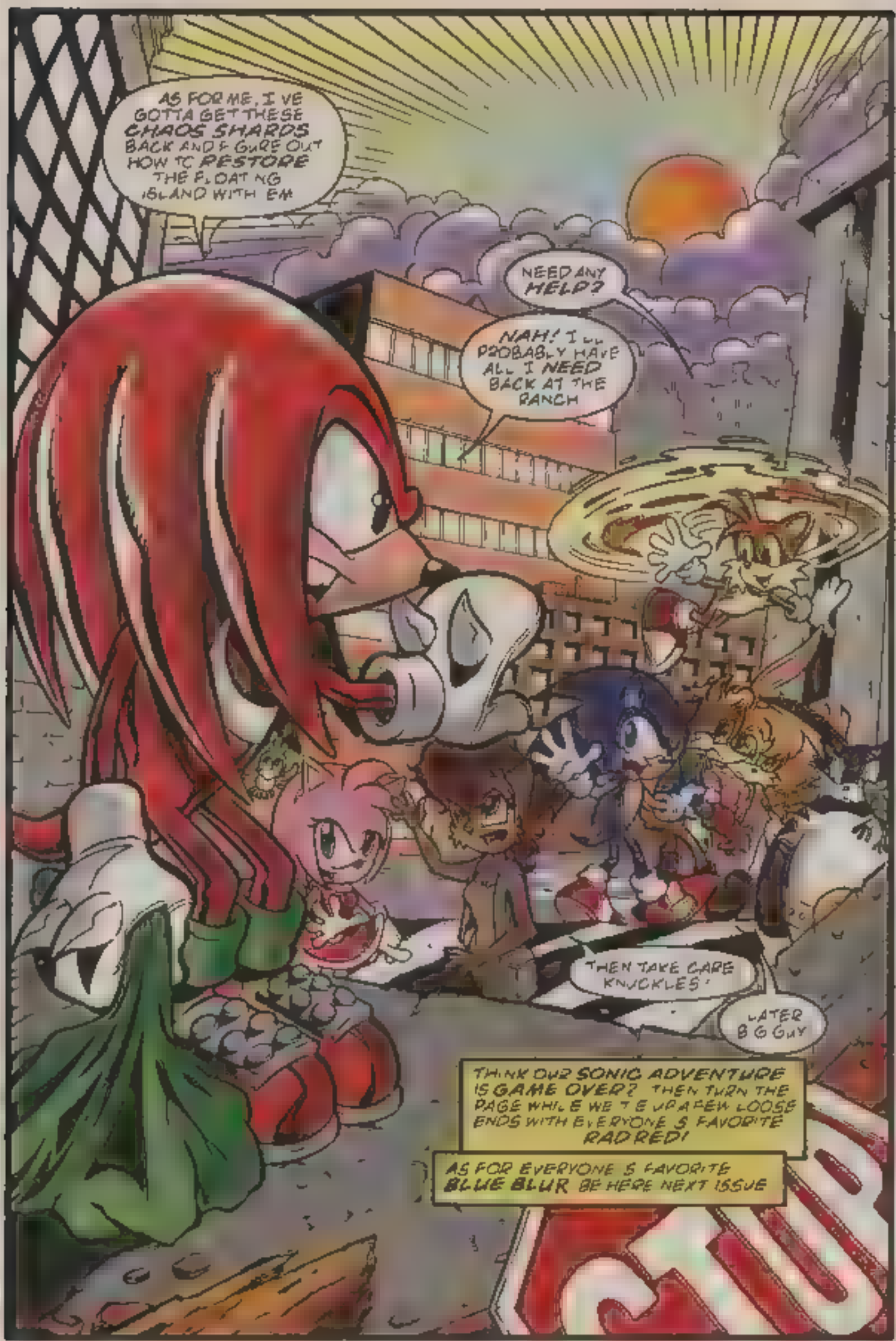

...OR AT LEAST DOWN TO SIZE!


GASP!
RAD RED!

GIMME YOUR MITT.
WHAT'S THE SCORE?
THE GOOD GUYS WON!
WHAT ELSE DID YOU EXPECT?
THEN WHAT'S WITH THE LIGHT SHOW?
YOU'VE DONE WELL-- ALL OF YOU!
IT'S TIME NOW WE RETURNED TO THE ZONE WE BELONG TO.
ZAAAAAAAP
AFTER ALL THAT--IT'S OVER!
WHAT DO YOU CARE ANYHOW?
DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT SOMEHOW!
"THEY'RE NOW ONE LESS HEADACHE TO WORRY ABOUT!"


AS FOR ME, I'VE GOTTA GET THESE CHAOS SHARDS BACK AND FIGURE OUT HOW TO RESTORE THE FLOATING ISLAND WITH 'EM
NEED ANY HELP?
NAH! I'LL PROBABLY HAVE ALL I NEED BACK AT THE RANCH
THEN TAKE CARE KNUCKLES!
LATER BIG GUY
THINK OUR SONIC ADVENTURE IS GAME OVER? THEN TURN THE PAGE WHILE WE TIE UP A FEW LOOSE ENDS WITH EVERYONE'S FAVORITE RAD RED!
AS FOR EVERYONE'S FAVORITE BLUE BLUR BE HERE NEXT ISSUE

Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as Guardian of The Floating Island, defender of all against the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten from within!

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WITH THE *CHAOS EMERALD SHARDS* [redacted] POSSESSION, *KNUCKLES* RETURNS TO THE *FLOATING ISLAND*, CURRENTLY IN THE PREDICAMENT OF TAKING ON WATER SINCE IT WAS RENDERED *INERT* WHEN THE *CHAOS EMERALD* WAS STOLEN.

AS HE ARRIVES VIA AN ENERGY ZONE PORTAL, A FLASH OF LIGHT IMMEDIATELY ATTRACTS HIS ATTENTION...

WITHOUT THE *GUIDING STAR GEM*, I'D BE ONE *LOST* ECHIDNA!

BUT IT WON'T BE *HOME* SWEET HOME IF I CAN'T GET THE FLOATING ISLAND *SOARING* AMONG THE CLOUDS AGAIN!

WHOA! WHAT'S WITH THE *LIGHT SHOW?*

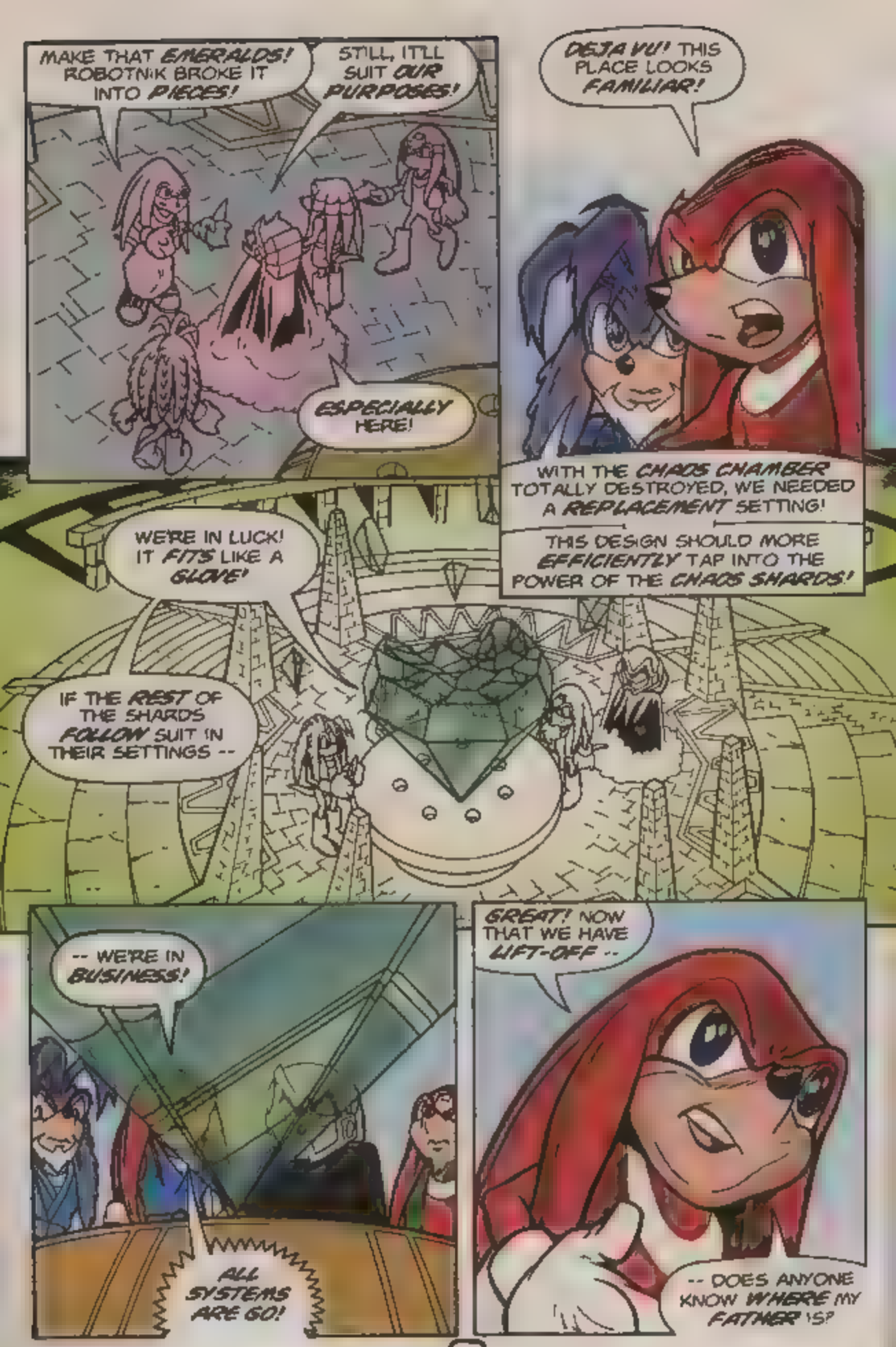
BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATERS

LOOKS LIKE OUR LAD SAW YOUR *SIGNAL*, SPECTRE!

AT THE RATE THE ISLAND IS GRADUALLY *SINKING*, WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE, SABRE!

KNUCKLES! OVER *HERE!*

I TAKE IT YOU HAVE THE *CHAOS EMERALD* WITH YOU!


MAKE THAT EMERALDS! ROBOTNIK BROKE IT INTO PIECES!
STILL, IT'LL SUIT OUR PURPOSES!
ESPECIALLY HERE!
DEJA VU! THIS PLACE LOOKS FAMILIAR!
WITH THE CHAOS CHAMBER TOTALLY DESTROYED, WE NEEDED A REPLACEMENT SETTING!
THIS DESIGN SHOULD MORE EFFICIENTLY TAP INTO THE POWER OF THE CHAOS SHARDS!
WE'RE IN LUCK! IT FITS LIKE A GLOVE!
IF THE REST OF THE SHARDS FOLLOW SUIT IN THEIR SETTINGS --
-- WE'RE IN BUSINESS!
ALL SYSTEMS ARE GO!
GREAT! NOW THAT WE HAVE LIFT-OFF --
-- DOES ANYONE KNOW WHERE MY FATHER IS?

A FEW MINUTES LATER, AS A PAIR OF WARY *GUARDSMEN* STAND WATCH ON THE BEACH.

WHAT DO YOU THINK? SHOULD WE SOUND THE *ALARM*?

I WOULDN'T JUMP TO ANY CONCLUSIONS --

-- UNTIL WE SEE *WHO* IT IS!

RRRRRRRRRRRRAARR

YOU WANT ME TO *ACCOMPANY* YOU, KNUCKLES?

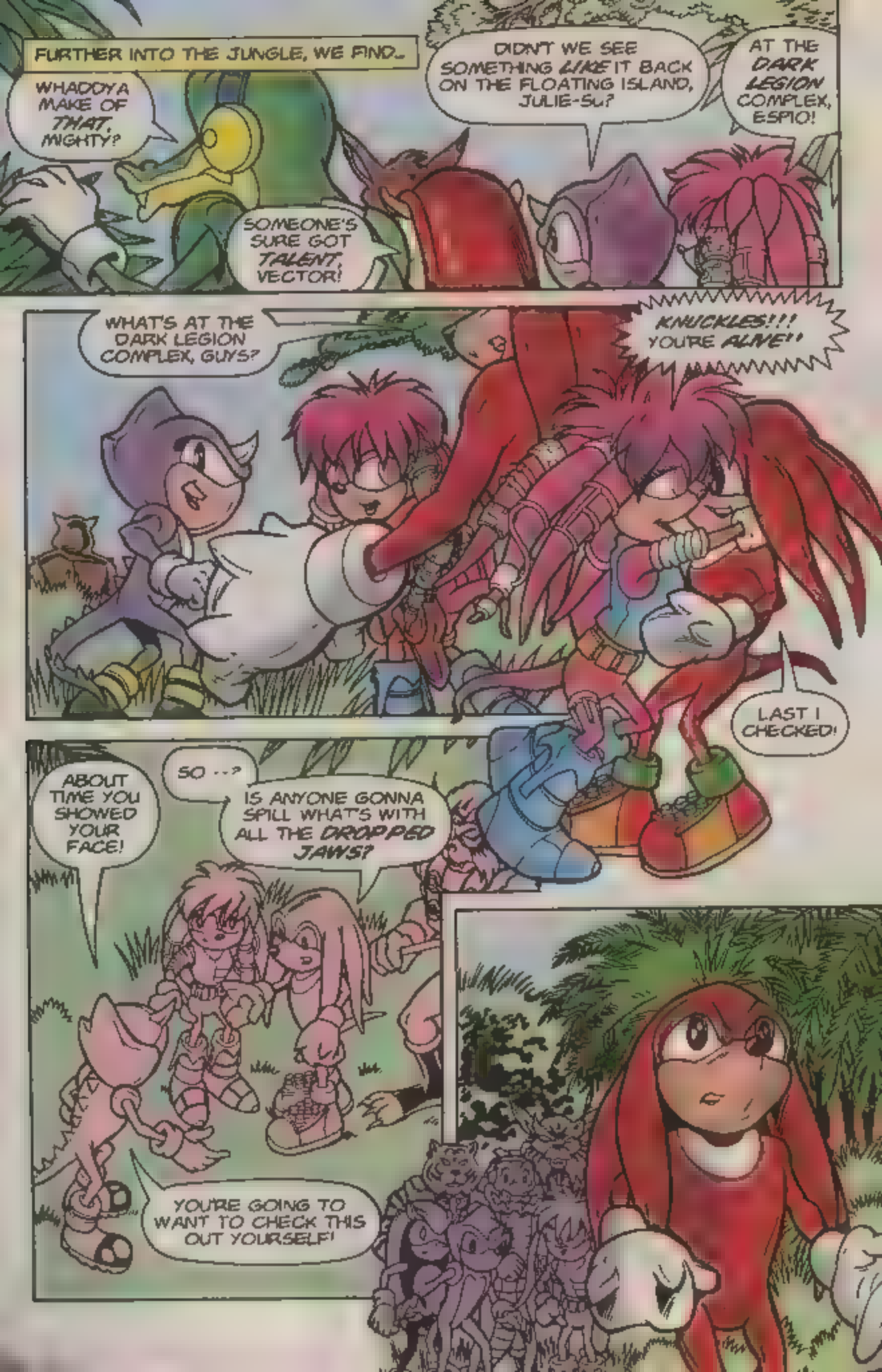
NAH, I'LL BE ALL RIGHT, GRANDFATHER THUNDERHAWK!

HI, GUYS!

STEP THIS WAY!

SURE! WHATEVER! WE'RE *FRIENDS* HERE, *RIGHT*?

STUMBLE OVER ANYONE LIKE ME *RECENTLY*?


FURTHER INTO THE JUNGLE, WE FIND...
WHADDYA MAKE OF THAT, MIGHTY?
SOMEONE'S SURE GOT TALENT, VECTOR!
DIDN'T WE SEE SOMETHING LIKE IT BACK ON THE FLOATING ISLAND, JULIE-SU?
AT THE DARK LEGION COMPLEX, ESPIO!
WHAT'S AT THE DARK LEGION COMPLEX, GUYS?
KNUCKLES!!! YOU'RE ALIVE!!
LAST I CHECKED!
ABOUT TIME YOU SHOWED YOUR FACE!
SO ...?
IS ANYONE GONNA SPILL WHAT'S WITH ALL THE DROPPED JAWS?
YOU'RE GOING TO WANT TO CHECK THIS OUT YOURSELF!

KNUCKLES.

FATHER.

THAT'S QUITE THE *ROCK!*

I TAKE T THESE GUYS DON'T THINK MUCH OF *ECHIDNAS!*

THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE AN *UNDERSTATEMENT*, MY SON!

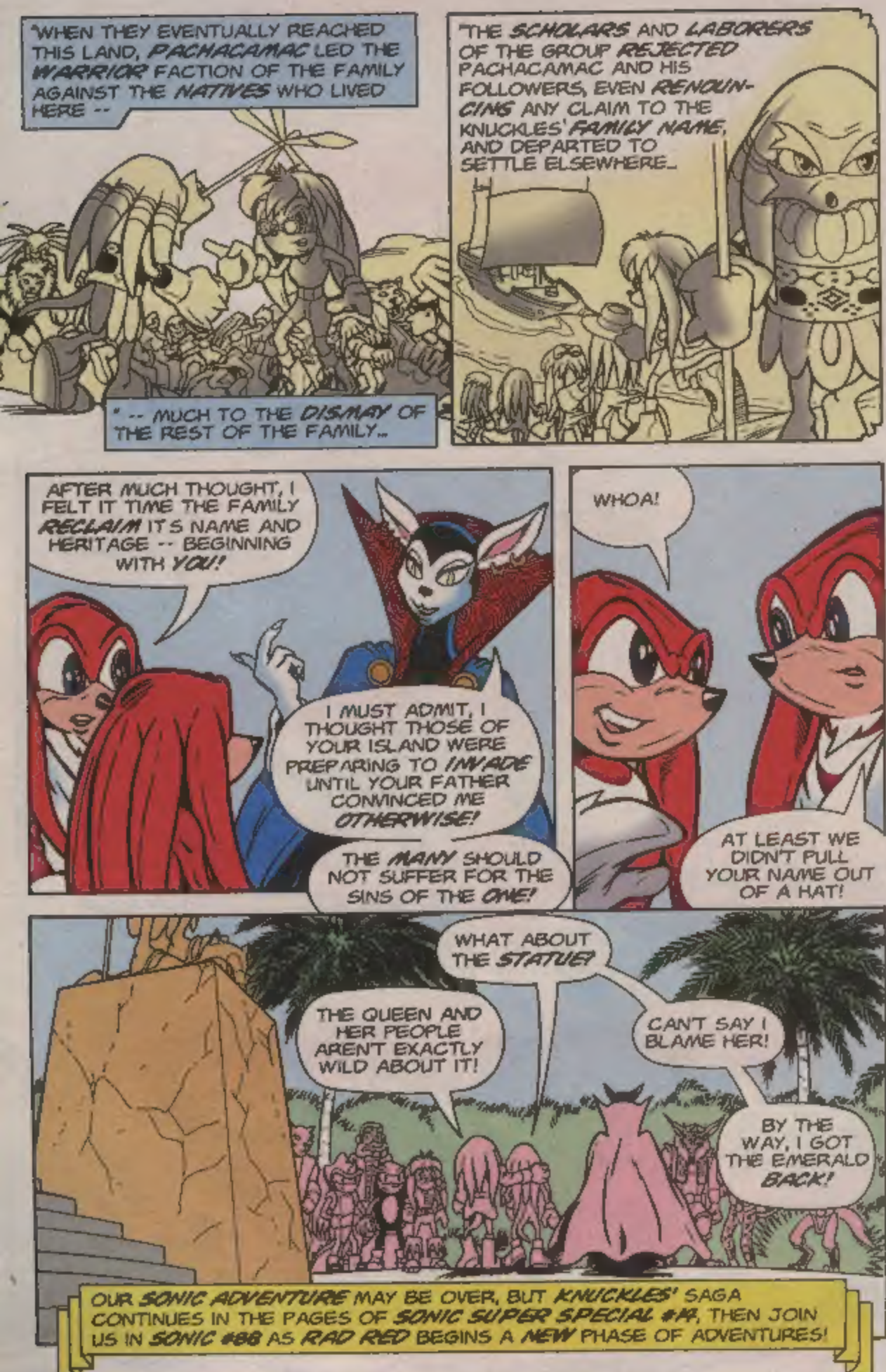
BEFORE YOU 'S THE LIKENESS OF *PACHACAMAC* -- ABSOLUTE LEADER OF THE *KNUCKLES CLAN!*

WHEN YOUR MOTHER AND I WERE DECIDING ON A NAME FOR FOR YOU, I DID SOME RESEARCH OF *FAMILY HISTORY* --

- AND I MADE AN *AMAZING* DISCOVERY...

"HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO, YOUR *ANCESTORS* WERE *KNOWN* AS THE KNUCKLES CLAN --

" -- AND THEY WERE THE MOST *ADVENTUROUS* ECHIDNAS OF THEM ALL, HAVING SET SAIL IN ORDER TO EXPLORE THEIR HOMEWORLD...


"WHEN THEY EVENTUALLY REACHED THIS LAND, PACHACAMAC LED THE WARRIOR FACTION OF THE FAMILY AGAINST THE NATIVES WHO LIVED HERE --
" -- MUCH TO THE DISMAY OF THE REST OF THE FAMILY...
"THE SCHOLARS AND LABORERS OF THE GROUP REJECTED PACHACAMAC AND HIS FOLLOWERS, EVEN RENOUNCING ANY CLAIM TO THE KNUCKLES' FAMILY NAME, AND DEPARTED TO SETTLE ELSEWHERE...
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AT LEAST WE DIDN'T PULL YOUR NAME OUT OF A HAT!
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What's up, hog-lovers of the world? You are now holding in your grubby little hands the last official installment of this immense Sonic Adventure adaptation crossover. What I want to know from those who've played the game, "How did we do?" This project was some undertaking, as you no doubt know. Now comes the time you've all been waiting for, time to tie up all the loose ends and send the Freedom Fighters back home. Unfortunately, we've got a couple of mechanized menaces keeping their 'receptors' out for the blue blur and are taking their pot shots before he gets back home. Also, be on the look-out for the return of Rotor in a back-up story next issue. We haven't seen him since Sonic #72 and we miss him. Another of our favorites, Knuckles, will be back in Sonic Super Special #14. After that, expect to see him as the regular back-up feature starting with issue #88. Wow. Can you imagine that we're practically right around the corner from the big 1-0-0!!! Lots of exciting things happening in the world of Sonic The Hedgehog, especially since there is word of new upcoming Sonic games for Sega Dreamcast. Thanks for being a part of it, fans.

Catch you on the flip side!

JF

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